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SOURCE:

Source obtained at the East German Ministry of Heavy Industry, Coal Department, a 1:10,000 general plan prepared in April 1952 at the Designs Bureau of the Coal Industry at Berlin-Weissensee. The plan shows new open-cast brown coal workings near Goitsche in the Bitterfeld area. The coal deposits of the new open-cast mines at Goitsche is estimated at 194 million tons. The plans made indicate that the brown coal is to be mined in three sites. No definite decision on the technical procedure to be applied for the extraction of the coal has been taken yet. The coal output at the Goitsche open-cast mine is ultimately to amount to 10.5 million tons per year. The output in 1955 is scheduled to be 8 million tons, and in 1957 8.5 million tons. About 14.5 million tons of top waste layer will have to be removed every year. The villages of Koopers and Nienock will have to be evacuated in connection with mining operations. Total cost for the opening up of the mine deposits at Goitsche are estimated at 172 million DEM. A sum of 15.2 million DEM has been made available for 1954. The cost price per ton of brown coal has been estimated at 1.85 DEM and the selling price at 3.05 DEM.

Enclosure: Photograph of the 1:10,000 general plan, prepared April 1952 by the Designs Bureau of the Coal Industry at Berlin-Weissensee (1 page) (ORR and CIA Library one copy each).

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